

## Raising the threshold amount for municipal competitive bids

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HB 914 by Goodman/C. Harris

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DIGEST:	<p>HB 914 would have raised the threshold amount of purchases for which a city must seek competitive bids to \$15,000, up from the current \$10,000, regardless of the city's population. It would have required notice to be provided of the time and place that bids on a contract would be publicly opened and read.</p> <p>HB 914 also would have exempted from bid requirements services performed by disabled persons.</p>
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	<p>". . . The amount that cities save through the decreased administrative expense is not likely to outweigh their loss through the failure to seek competitive bids."</p>
RESPONSE:	<p>Rep. Toby Goodman, author of HB 914, said: "I am very surprised by this veto. A similar bill allowing independent school districts to make purchases up to \$25,000 without bids passed and was not vetoed. Why should school districts be allowed to and not municipalities?"</p>
NOTES:	<p>HB 914 passed the House on the Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in a <i>Daily Floor Report</i>.</p>